

October 21, 2007

Essex Village Church of Christ

Schedule of Services

Sunday
Class 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday
7:00 pm



ELDERS

Larry Casbeer 795-0429
Howard Streets 766-7727
David Wakeland 766-3601

MINISTER

Stefano Mugnaini 329-3704

DEACONS

Rick Porter 556-2679
Activities
Jim Lamm 556-6756
Benevolence
Lloyd McLawhorn 556-6709
Worship
Roddy Akers 559-3565
Song Service
Larry Polutta 795-5266
World Bible School
Bill Ragland 556-6711
Building Maintenance
Hilton Googe 766-4670
Lynn Smallwood 766-8579
Grounds
Eddie Haselden 767-5511
Financial
Durwood Collins 869-4199
Youth Activities

“Pessimism” by Stefano Mugnaini

I have in my possession a “Pessimist’s Mug.” It is a glass coffee mug with that phrase on one side, and a horizontal line across the middle. Below the line are printed the words “This glass is now half empty.” The mug was produced by a company called Despair, Inc. Their primary products are their “Demotivators,” parodies of the popular motivational posters that are often posted in places of business. While the calendars, posters, ad coffee mugs are obviously all in jest, I think it brings to light a certain strange phenomenon.

Most of us are generally optimists, at least to the point where a product like a pessimist’s coffee mug doesn’t send us into actual despair, but makes us laugh. We generally live our lives with a positive outlook. Except when it comes to the church.

It seem like many people can stay positive

in the face of overwhelming odds, but when faith is tested, or there is turmoil in the family of God, we are the most hopeless and despairing people in the world. Time tested ideas are rejected because “they **don’t** work”- new ideas are forbidden because “they **won’t** work.” doesn’t the Bible teach a different approach?

When Jerusalem was besieged by the Assyrians during the reign of Hezekiah, while Sennacherib the Assyrian king mocked their courage, the prophet of God told the king to be courageous, knowing that Sennacherib had only the “arm of flesh,” while the people of God were strengthened by His power. Has that changed? Has God abandoned his people, or forsaken His purpose? Did not Jesus promise to be with us “always, even to the end of the age?” Let us be emboldened by the

power and the promise of our God.

As one preacher said, “I’ve read the end of the book-we win!” Why are we pessimistic regarding the one place where victory is assured? We triumph, not because of our own strength, but because of the power of the one whom we serve! If we fail, it is our own choice, because God offers victory. In Philippians, Paul said of Jesus that “God highly exalted Him, and gave him the name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow, of those in Heaven and on the Earth and under the Earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Every one of us will one day see this world bow in recognition of the Lordship of Jesus. In that message is great hope,

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Military

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 Kristopher Black
 Adam Carlucci
 Russell Coble
 Barry Collins
 James Dalton
 Mark Fiorey
 Ellis Flenoid
 Steven Hilton
 Michael Hilton
 Matthew Lemieux
 Katie McCaskill
 Kevin Mitchell
 Shawn Reynolds
 Rob Weltzin**

**VISITS TO OUR
 SHUT-INS**



**Ava Bullard
 Helen Embry
 Scotty Hall
 Mildred Inabinett
 Leonard McNeill
 Lois Ott**

***For the Record:
 Week of 10-14-07***

Bible Classes: 75
 AM Worship: 142
 PM Worship: 54
 Wednesday Evening: 71
 Contribution: \$3,004.00



Thanks for Praying...

Nikolas is in remission but will undergo chemo for two years and has a long road ahead. Nik is the nephew of Angela Noyes.

Mike Allen, preacher for Chesapeake Church of Christ, has bone cancer. Gary Moody has requested prayers for him.

Martha Broom, a friend of Ona White, has cancer.

Maxine Doll had a pace-maker put in and has other health problems. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

John Donan, Norma's cousin, has terminal bladder cancer.

Dennis Flatley, a friend of Jim Lamm, is currently undergoing chemo to treat his cancer.

Wesley Hahn is in need of prayers for his health and employment. His mother is a close friend of Faye Spence.

***Communion &
 Baptismal Garments***

Prepare Communion:

Ruby & Tina Cooper

Baptismal Garments:

Andrea Hanlon

Elder of the Month:

Larry Casbeer

***Program
 of Worship***

Announcements:

Larry Casbeer

Song Service:

Roddy Akers

Opening Prayer:

Howard Streets

Communion:

Eddie Haselden

Sermon:

Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:

Larry Polutta

and broke a rib.

Larry Polk has been released from the hospital and recovering at home.

Mike Polutta, Larry & Janie's son, is recovering from a heart attack. He has returned to work and is regaining his strength.

Candice Spence, needs our prayers for health problems and is the granddaughter of Chuck & Faye.

Marcia Steckel is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Marcia is a friend of Sharon Rush

Linda Stoddard, Tex Patton's daughter, is now cancer free. Thank you for praying

John Torres, Johnny Murray's brother-in-law, has cancer and is not doing well.

Judy Hennessee, a family member of Carl Bowles, has started chemo treatment following her double mastectomy.

Debra Langford, sister-in-law of Carl Bowles, had a stroke. Debra lives in Georgetown.

Nell McIntire has cancer and is the sister of Lois Ott.

Margaret Mills, a member of Cairo Church of Christ, had a heart attack.

Melissa Murray is being treated for cancer, please keep Melissa and her family in your prayers.

Lauren Parker, a friend of Ginnie Streets, has cancer and is not doing well.

Mac Patterson, a family member of Earline Smalls, is in St. Francis Hospital room 311.

Bea Patton, Tex's wife, fell

Here's What is Happening...

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in the annex for Bible study.

Trunk or Treat

The children are encouraged to wear their costumes after class on Wednesday evening and collect candy from the trunks of our cars.

Lunch for College Students

Anyone interested in preparing lunch for our college students to be served after services on Sunday mornings, please see Rick, Donna or Ona.

Gospel Meeting

James Pharr will be here to speak to us on Nov-

ember 11th—13th.

Sunday (Bible Class) - Barriers to love - I Cor. 13

Sunday (AM) - Blessed Unity - Psa. 133

Sunday (PM) - When Christians disappoint us - II Tim. 4:16-17

Monday - The Peace that comes with Forgiveness

Tuesday - Let Brotherly Love continue



Happy Anniversary

10/21

JOHN & LOUISE ROGERS

WATTIE & PENNY ZEIGLER

Soup Kitchen *Pantry*

A group from Essex Village will be preparing and serving lunch at the soup kitchen on Monday, October 22nd. If you would like to help, please see Mary Beth.

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we could use the following items: sugar, flour & grits. Your contributions are appreciated!

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Claire Faith Moulton on November 4th at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall. For the group gift, we would like to buy a double stroller for Meghann. If you would like to contribute, please see Louise.



Happy Birthday

10/24

ERRI FAGAN

DAVID WAKELAND

10/25

ANGIE SCHMOFF

10/27

“Pessimism” continued

great cause for optimism, but also a great statement of mission. Our mission, as Christians, is to make sure that the realization of the Lordship of Christ is reached in life, rather

than at the judgment, by as many people as possible. That is a mission for the bold, those confident in the power of the Gospel to save. Let us not be those who shrink back!

Bulletin Board

**Family & Friends Day
Fall Gospel Meeting**

Theme: What Really Matters? - Rev. 14:13
Where: Berkeley Church of Christ
Hwy 52 N past Woody Bilton Ford from Goose Creek
Hwy 52 S before Woody Bilton Ford from Moncks Corner
When: November 4th-8th
Time: Monday - Thursday 7:30 pm nightly
Guest Speaker: Roy Knight from St. George Church of Christ

Youth Rally

“Let No One Look Down On Your Youthfulness”
Characteristics of Young Christians
2007 Myrtle Beach Youth Rally
Myrtle Beach Church of Christ
Speakers: Chip Pugh & Chad Brinker
November 9th and 10th

SECH

“Change for Children
2007”



Adult Classes

Classes & Teachers	Location
Towards Spiritual Maturity Taught by P. Harrelson	Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall
Gospel of John Taught by Stefano	Sunday mornings in the Auditorium
Christian Characteristics Taught by Keith Dee	Wednesday evenings in the Auditorium
The Begging Place by Peggy Blackmon Ladies class taught by Louise Rogers & Carla Haselden	Wednesday evenings

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